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MEMORANDUM

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Re: ABW.-UNRADA.-UCCA.-Bandera.-Turkestan in U.S.A.-

The Kozekia Cossacks came out into the open with their fight against the present leadership of the ABW headed by Yaroslav Stetsko. In a public statement datelined in Munich February 5th, Post-Office Box 574, telephone 28071, the delegations of the Cossacks, Croatians, Latvians, Udel-Ural, Romanians, Czechs, Byelorussians and Estonians declared their withdrawal from the ABW. The reasons given are (a) refusal of the present management of ABW to call a congress and order new elections, overdue since 1949. Demands of the above groups to hold an election before January 31st, 1954 were ignored. (b) the leadership of ABW adheres to totalitarian and dictatorial principles and methods which are similar to communist ways and procedures. (c) in order to strengthen their position, the present leaders of ABW included into their organization the R. Astrousky group of the Byelorussians, the Latvian group of A. Bersina, the Cossacks of I. Bilyj and the Croatian supporters of Ante Pavelich. They all are of decidedly totalitarian outlook. The groups that signed the above statement professed their support to the idea of self-determination of nationalities and to strictly democratic principles.

According to well-informed sources, S. V. Sosontjev, who expects to be elected chairman of the Executive Organ will visit in March the United States in order to establish normal relations with the UCCA and ACLB. He will arrive here together with Dr. S. Mytycky who expects to be elected president of the Ukrainian government-in-exile.

According to rumors, the leadership of UCCA, especially Dr. L. Dobriansky, is helping Representatives Timothy R. Sheehan, Republican of Chicago and Michael A. Feighan, Democrat of Cleveland in their investigation of activities of the ACLB. Both Congressmen are prominent in Catholic circles.

The negotiations between representatives of the OUNr and UBVR conducted by Dr. Rebet (UBVR), Dr. Matla (OUNr) and S. Bandera himself broke down because of Bandera's refusal to give up his position as the leader of all Ukrainian nationalists. The organs of both groups started already sharp polemics which promised to disclose the real reason behind the breakdown. It is interesting to note that in the split Dr. Matla sided with Dr. Rebet, thus, creating a split in the Bandera group.

Some Turks and Turkestanis (Uzbeks, Tadzhiks and Kazakhs) now in the United States are in the process of organizing a Turkell Association. Mr. Rusi Hesar is slated for a prominent post in the association. It is interesting to note that the idea of such association emerged after President's Bayar's talk with some of the Turkestanis here.

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